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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Communication set forth in the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004 (Paper No. 10), Applicant hereby provisionally elects claims 1-2, 9, 17-18, and 25-26 (corresponding to the species illustrated in Fig. 2) for continued examination without traverse.

Early examination and allowance of the application is earnestly requested.

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